

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC, CASC, PINS, CO  
SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING: "CROMOS" ARTICLE

1. MAY 3 EDITION OF WIDELY CIRCULATED WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE  
"CROMOS" CARRIES ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT RICHARD STARR HAS  
BEEN FREED. ARTICLE IS REHASH OF THE FEB 18 ITEM IN "EL  
TIEMPO" (BOGOTA 1710) WHICH ALLEGED THAT STARR HAD BEEN  
FLOWN BACK TO THE US ABOARD THE JAPANESE MYSTERY PLANE.  
ACCORDING TO THE "CROMOS" ARTICLE, INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS  
OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ARE NOW "ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN" THAT  
STARR WAS IN FACT RESCUED AND TRANSPORTED OUT OF COLOMBIA  
ON BOARD THAT PLANE.

2. WE ARE CONTACTING "CROMOS" TO COMPLAIN THAT THIS STORY  
IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND TO STRESS THAT SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE  
SPECULATION CAUSES SUFFERING TO STARR'S FAMILY AND COULD  
JEOPARDIZE HIS LIFE. STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES WILL ALSO  
BE RELEASED TO LOCAL MEDIA. WE WILL ALSO BE CONTACTING DEFENSE  
MINISTRY, ASKING THEM TO ISSUE A SIMILAR DENIAL.

3. COPY OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND/C. ASECIO

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## Message Attributes

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